Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Allotment under M&R (Rs. In lakh)	4261.44	5084.32	3389.39	4273.59	4491.64

(c) Government of Orissa has forwarded 13 proposals of about 1585 km length of State roads for declaration as National Highways. At present, there is no proposal for declaring more roads as National Highways in the country including Orissa. At present, emphasis is given for development of existing National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways. Government of Orissa has identified 9 Nos. of construction of by passes and five road over-bridges. Feasibility study and Detailed Project preparation of these works are in progress.

New Highway from Siliguri to Nathula

†2681. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for opening of a new highway from Siliguri to Nathula following opening of Nathula commerce route;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is also any proposal for widening and developing NH-31A?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Siliguri and Nathula are connected by NH 31, NH 31 A and another road of strategic importance. Improvement of these roads has been included under different schemes. However, the Government of Sikkim has submitted a proposal for declaring alternate National Highway from Nathula to Siliguri. However, declaration of more roads as National Highways is not in the priority of the Government due to financial constraints and emphasis is given for development of existing National Highways.

(c) The proposal of widening to two lane standards of Sevoke to Gangtok (NH 31A) and Gangtok-Nathula road of strategic importance has been included under Phase A of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme of the North Eastern Region.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.